



## ***POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS***

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### **Residents Offered Fourth of July Safety Tips**

With the upcoming Fourth of July celebration, Carlsbad Police Department recommends taking a few precautions to help assure a safe and enjoyable holiday for everyone.

#### **Alcohol and DUI**

Alcohol is banned from beaches in Carlsbad. People are reminded to designate a sober driver. The public is also encouraged to call 9-1-1 to report drunk drivers and be ready to describe the vehicle, its location and direction of travel.

Carlsbad Police Department will be enforcing the social host ordinance this holiday weekend. Individuals who host a party, gathering or event where minors are in attendance and consuming alcoholic beverages or controlled substances will receive a citation, resulting in a fine of \$1,000 or six months in jail. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances by minors presents a myriad of problems for the minor, the community, and law enforcement, including physical altercations, violent crimes, accidental injury and death.

#### **Theft**

Thefts from vehicles, particularly at the beach, increase in the summer. Keep these prevention tips in mind to avoid becoming a victim:

- If possible, park where you can see your car.
- Lock your vehicle. To a thief, your vehicle registration and garage door opener are a key to your house.
- Don't leave your keys on the tire of your vehicle.
- Don't leave valuable items in view.
- If you are going to put things in your trunk, do it at home and not when you get to the beach.

- Take your purse. A woman walking away without a purse means it's still in the car.
- Don't leave your personal items unattended on the beach.

### **Dog Regulations**

Dog owners are reminded of Carlsbad's dog regulations in an effort to make the beach and surrounding areas enjoyable for all. While dogs are not allowed on Carlsbad beaches or along the Carlsbad sea wall, dogs are allowed on the upper sidewalk above the seawall as well as at Ann D. L'Heureux Memorial Dog Park located on Carlsbad Village Drive one-half mile east of El Camino Real. Both are both equipped with dog and human water fountains as well as benches for people to stop and rest with their pet. Owners are also reminded of the requirement to clean up after their dog and to keep dogs leashed in public. Dogs and their owners looking for a beach experience are allowed at dog beaches in Del Mar and Ocean Beach, as well as Fiesta Island.

### **Fireworks**

The personal discharge of any fireworks or weapons within city boundaries is illegal. Check local newspapers for the numerous local fireworks shows scheduled for July 4.

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